

Casa Vieja Residence
Near San Antonio, Texas.

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CASA VIEJA (Residence)
Near San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

Present Owner: Mr. C.A. Coeth

Date of Erection: 1848

Architect: Unknown

Builder: James L. Truehart

Present Condition: Excellent

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Stone foundation and walls; wood floors and stairs. New back porch. New galvanized roof over wood shingles.

Other Existing Records: Plaque at house placed by DeZavala Chapter of Historic Landmarks Association reads as follows: "Casa Vieja House built in 1848 by James L. Truehart, Texas Pioneer and Prisoner of Perote. DeZavala Chapter of Texas Landmark Association 1924."

Additional Data:

The Spanish words "Casa Vieja" mean "Old House". The house was built by James L. Truehart, a Texas Pioneer, in 1849. Walls are built of local native limestone, plastered on inside, stuccoed on outside. The wood frame porch on the South is obviously a later addition. Original pitched shingle roof is now covered with galvanized iron.

There are but two main rooms on each floor; Living Room and Kitchen on first floor and two Bed Rooms on second floor. Each of the first floor rooms includes a fireplace designs of which are similar. Bath Room on second floor, South Porch, is a later addition.

The old ranch house is typical of many built during the

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the middle of the 19th century, and its main charm lies in the simplicity of construction. Thick walls and the boxed cornice, the latter of which is quite unique in design, add to its charm and character.

Casa Vieja is in excellent state of preservation and its present owner fully appreciates the value of this early Texas landmark. Other additions and changes are at present contemplated.

The house is being occupied at present by Mr and Mrs. Fred C. Goeth, who contributed this information.

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